

REMARKS

Reconsideration of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the entire application is respectfully requested with regard to the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-26, as amended, remain pending herein.

Applicants first note with appreciation and thank the Examiner for the indication in the previous Office Action that claims 1-8 are allowed.

Summary of the Rejections:

Claims 9-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

It is asserted in the Office Action that base claims 9, 13, 17 and 22 stand rejected for the recited phrase “transmitting a message for adjusting an admission threshold from the other cells next to the cell adjacent to the particular cell according to adjustment of the admission threshold.”

Applicant's Traversal:

Applicants have amended claims 9, 13, 17 and 22 to clarify the claimed invention by substituting the rejected phrase with “transmitting a message for adjusting an admission threshold **in the cells adjacent to said particular cell,** according to **the** adjustment of the admission threshold **of the particular cell;**

Fig. 11 and the specification at page 40, lines 7 to 15, clearly provides support for the above change. As disclosed in the specification with regard to Fig. 11, the message block 960 transmits a message for **adjusting the admission threshold in the cells adjacent to the cell i (i.e. cell “i” is the**

particular cell) in association with the admission threshold being adjusted by the admission threshold adjusting block 950. Once the particular cell “i” has been adjusted, the transmission block transmits the adjusted transmission threshold to cells adjacent to the particular cell the increase_T message for increasing the admission threshold in the adjacent cells, and the decrease_T message for decreasing the admission threshold. In either case, whether it is an increase or a decrease message, the purpose is to solve the inter-cell unfairness problem.

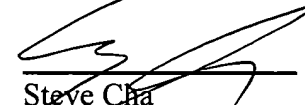
It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims dependent from the above base claims, which now have recitations in conformity with the above, are also definite and overcome all grounds of rejection 35 U.S.C§112.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection respectfully requested.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been overcome.

Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below. If there are any fees due and owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 502-470.

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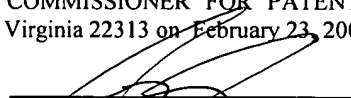
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